

In the Matter of)
Rulemaking under Part 97 of)
the Communications Act of 1934,) Docket No. RM-10740
as amended to Establish Technical)
Standards for Certain Amateur)
Radio Telephony Transmissions)

To: The Commission

It is my opinion that the Federal Communications Commission should not impose bandwidth restrictions on the Amateur service as suggested by the petitioners in docket RM-10740.

The petitioners themselves recognize that many Amateur transmitters used for single sideband may already meet their proposed bandwidth standard. All will most probably be acceptable. The majority of the Amateurs who operate phone below 28 MHz are, for the most part, using stock, out of the box equipment. If this equipment meets or comes close to the petitioners bandwidth specification there is no need for new regulation here.

The petitioners also state that the use of AM does not create the same problems that are caused by the use of so-called "Hi Fi Single Sideband". So there is also no need for new regulation here. AMer's, in general, are a technically responsible group. Many employ some sort of equipment to continually monitor their transmitters performance. A large number of AMer's are industry professionals who know how to build as well as maintain their own equipment and keep it in spec.

As stated, the Amateur service is not a substitute for the Broadcast service. However, one of the objectives of Amateur Radio is experimentation. As someone who works in television and radio, I know this can be beneficial to both the broadcast as well as the communication industry. The ability to responsibly use our Amateur spectrum for this purpose should not be diminished by regulation. Amateurs must be allowed to contribute to the advancement of the radio art. This can be done by responsibly using the Amateur Radio frequencies at times or places where impact to other Amateur operations is minimal. Bandwidth restrictions could prevent access to these frequencies at these times.

As Amateurs we must all live together. By regulation, no one station or group has a claim to any frequency or frequencies. Occasional, accidental interference happens. Intentional interference is another matter. I do not condone the misuse of our Amateur Radio spectrum for any reason. Most Amateur Radio operators conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Unfortunately, as with any group, there are always a few exceptions. Their actions and the re-actions of others should not be cause to penalize the rest of the Amateur community.

For these reasons I ask the Commission to not impose bandwidth restrictions as requested in RM-10740.

Thank you,

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